

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the amended paragraph on page 1 of the application with the revised paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 10/300,328, filed November 11, 2002 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,680,116 on January 20, 2004), which application is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference, and which application was a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/626,431 filed July 27, 2000 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,514,609 on February 4, 2003), which application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP99/00430, filed January 22, 1999, which in turn claims the priority of German National Application No. DE 19802588.2, filed January 23, 1998.